

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Christopher C. Broder <i>et al.</i>)	
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Application No. 10/528,800)	Art Unit: 1648
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Filed: March 31, 2006)	Examiner: Benjamin P. Blumel
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For: Compositions and Methods for the Inhibition)	Confirmation No. 9160
of Membrane Fusion by Paramyxoviruses)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated September 30, 2009, the following comments are submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e).

Applicants note that the Examiner has correctly pointed out that the prior art fails to teach the use of SEQ ID NO:s 1 or 2 in inhibiting the viral fusion with a cell or the induction of an immune response in a subject. Applicants further note that the Examiner has also correctly pointed out that the Bossart *et al.* 2002 Journal of Virology article was published after conception of the claimed invention. Applicants, however, do not acquiesce to the indication that March 23, 2000 represents the conception date.

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